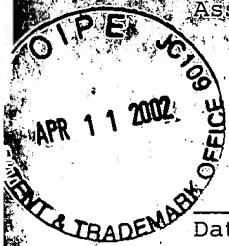


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL AND
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on November 6, 2001. Applicants petition for an extension of time for a total period of two months to respond to that Office Action which concerns the above-identified application. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

A request for payment by credit card of the fee for a two-month extension of time under 1.17(a)(2) accompanies this transmittal.


No additional fee should be required for the accompanying response. The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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